

did a beautiful job of explaining it. It is making government accountable. It doesn't take us out of the organization. I am not trying to do that. All I am trying to say is everybody pay their fair share. This is fair. So I ask you to defeat the motion and then advance the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Marsh, then Senator Ashford.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. This is not a question of everybody pay their fair share. Forty-nine other states have handled it exactly in the same manner in which the State of Nebraska has handled it up to now, and those of you who said to me yesterday, but Nebraska is different. Nebraska is different, but why should we add to the accounting costs by having all the different checks written to go through DAS to go to the same place, to add problems for the Council of State Governments. Please be up front. Are you trying to make problems for the Council of State Governments? Then say so. If not, let's indefinitely postpone the bill and not add to the problems of the accounting department with the various agencies. You are not saving any dollars. It simply is adding to the cost of expenditures by enforcement of more checks to be written to go to the same place. Where it has proved feasible for all the other states, let's leave Nebraska in the mainstream. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, please, then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do, and the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Marsh, would you like to close on your motion.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. I think there is some misunderstanding on the legislative floor. Someone thinks we are going to save dollars because other departments will pay for it. Other departments have dollars only when the Legislature passes a budget and sends it to the executive to sign or return